

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 162

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 1955

Mr. McCARTHY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Information, Intelligence, and Security.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby established a Joint Committee on Infor-
4 mation, Intelligence, and Security to be composed of nine
5 Members of the Senate to be appointed by the President
6 of the Senate and nine Members of the House of Repre-
7 sentatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives. In each instance not more than five mem-
9 bers shall be members of the same political party.

10 SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing
11 studies of the activities of the intelligence and information

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1 agencies of the United States Government, and of the
2 security offices and security officers of all agencies of the
3 United States Government, and of problems relating to the
4 security program, the information program, and the gather-
5 ing of information and intelligence affecting the national
6 security and its coordination and utilization by the various
7 departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Govern-
8 ment. All of the information and intelligence agencies and
9 the security officers of all agencies of the United States
10 Government shall keep the joint committee fully and cur-
11 rently informed with respect to their activities. All bills,
12 resolutions, and other matters in the Senate or the House
13 of Representatives relating primarily to any such agency
14 or activity shall be referred to the joint committee. The
15 members of the joint committee who are Members of the
16 Senate shall from time to time report to the Senate, and
17 the members of the joint committee who are Members of
18 the House of Representatives shall from time to time report
19 to the House, by bill or otherwise, their recommendations
20 with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of their re-
21 spective Houses which are (1) referred to the joint com-
22 mittee or (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction of the joint
23 committee.

24 (b) As used in this section, the term "information and

1 intelligence agencies of the United States Government”
2 includes the United States Information Agency, the Central
3 Intelligence Agency and any unit conducting intelligence
4 activities within any of the executive agencies of the United
5 States Government, including the Department of State and
6 the Department of Defense, and the Departments of the
7 Army, Navy, and Air Force. The term “security offices and
8 security officers of all agencies of the United States Govern-
9 ment” means any unit, and its responsible officers, which is
10 authorized by the agency to protect the security of the
11 United States Government as it relates to the activities and
12 personnel of the agency.

13 SEC. 3. Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-
14 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members
15 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be
16 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original selec-
17 tion. The joint committee shall select a chairman and a vice
18 chairman from among its members.

19 SEC. 4. The joint committee, or any duly authorized sub-
20 committee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit
21 and act at such places and times, to require, by subpoena or
22 otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the produc-
23 tion of such books, papers, and documents, to administer
24 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing

1 and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems
2 advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report such
3 hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred words.

4 SEC. 5. The joint committee is empowered to appoint
5 such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and
6 stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and advisable.
7 The committee is authorized to utilize the services, infor-
8 mation, facilities, and personnel of the departments and
9 establishments of the Government.

10 SEC. 6. The expenses of the joint committee, which
11 shall not exceed \$ per year, shall be paid one-half
12 from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from
13 the contingent fund of the House of Representatives upon
14 vouchers signed by the chairman. Disbursements to pay
15 such expenses shall be made by the Secretary of the Senate
16 out of the contingent fund of the Senate, such contingent
17 fund to be reimbursed from the contingent fund of the House
18 of Representatives in the amount of one-half of the dis-
19 bursement so made.

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